

**Fremont County
Weed Advisory Board**

May 21, 2025
**Fremont County Garden Park Bldg.
Garden Park Conference Room**
*201 N. 6th Street
Canon City, CO 81212*

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Rick Romano

Board Members Present (in Person):

Rick Romano, Chairman	12/31/2027
Ed Norden	12/31/2027
Donna Landrum	12/31/2026
Paul Garrett	12/31/2025
Paul Telck	12/31/2025
Tony Telck	12/31/2026
John Coyle	12/31/2027

Board Members Absent:

Tom Grette	12/31/2026
Ralph Kunselman	12/31/2026
Vacant	12/31/2024 – Need a replacement
Roy Roper	Life

Others Present (in Person):

Brittany Pierce, Fremont County Weed Management Director
Tony Carochi, Fremont County Administrator
Steve Wolfe, City of Florence
Daniel Morse, Fremont Conservation District
Jesse Young, City of Canon City
Greg Langer, NRCS
Devin Everhart, Cañon City Recreation District
Kelsey Store – showed up late
Kathy Lutz, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve agenda by Tony Telck and 2nd by Donna Landrum

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting were distributed at this meeting and via email.
Motion to approve minutes by Ed Norden and 2nd by Tony Telck

Chairman's Report:

The Fremont County Weed Management Plan was approved by the Fremont County BOCC at meeting on April 8th – so that's done for the next 3 years.

Open Board position on the Weed Board – please try to find somebody to fill this position

Agency Reports:

- **Commissioner's Comments**

Dwayne McFall was not present.

He is attending the NACo Western Interstate Region Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota this week.

- **BLM**

Not present

- **CSU Extension/NRCS Small Acreage**

Kelsey Storey – some Master Gardeners reported noxious weed activity that she passed along to Brittany

- **NRCS**

Greg stated he is working on getting applications, contracts, irrigation pipelines

Some of the forestry contracts will include weed control

Irrigation projects in Custer county include weed management

- **Fremont Conservation District**

Daniel Morse stated that 2025 elections for the district are over

79th Annual Landowner's Banquet was on April 25, 2025

First college scholarship was awarded for heavy machinery

Dedication of Canon City library garden with Jesse and City of Canon City

Daniel has to get a Weed Applicator license – Brittany brought a study guide book for him

2025 Noxious Weed Fund Grant was awarded at \$110,000 – Colorado State Legislature may reduce the budget – so planning on but...

20% less

- **City of Cañon City**

Jessie Young stated that they are trying to regain control of weeds following rains

The median project is complete – will require ongoing maintenance

- **City of Florence**

Steve Wolfe stated that he did not get a chance to speak with Sam in Public Works

But...

Tamarisk and Russian Olive are coming back in force

City of Florence Code Enforcement is busy with weed violations

- **Canon City Metropolitan Area Rec District**

Devin stated they are doing spot spraying and hope to get their tank sprayer out next week

Rick asked about John Griffin park and Devin stated lots of Whitetop is there so they will be spraying that.

Weed Director's Report:

Brittany has been spraying and selling herbicide

Sent out contracts for Elongated Mustard and awaiting reply

Did a pesticide presentation in Custer County for Earth Day

Funding (some of it) has come in for 2025– still not definite on hiring an applicator for summer

Agreement with US Forestry is in the works

BLM – still figuring out planning - bio controls for Yellow Toadflax in Teller County

Weed Board Member and Guest Roundtable:

John mentioned that it should be good season

Ed is the Cooperative observer for National Weather Service

Looking to hand off daily obligation to someone in the Canon City / Lincoln Park area

Need a location at the same elevation as the Territorial Prison from 1893 – a site evaluation for suitability will be conducted

Ed is the second longest tenured observer

Donna saw a weed and told Brittany about it so that she could spray it

Tony says the Canada Thistle is growing tall

Ed says the grasshoppers are back

Tony mentioned that Beauveria Bassiana is used as a biological insecticide to treat for grasshoppers. It is a fungi that is a microbial pathogen to grasshoppers and it is also a growth stimulant for plants.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Fremont County Priorities and Procedures Manual needs to be updated by next meeting to reflect the changes to some of the species – this was tabled until the November 19, 2025 meeting

Adjournment / Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Garden Park Conference Room.